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SUBJECT: ARRIVAL OF SOVIET SHIPPING TEAM

- 1. A SIX (6) MAN SHIPPING TEAM FROM THE USSR ARRIVED IN KINGSTON ON THE MORNING OF APRIL 4TH VIA HAVANA. ACCORDING TO DAILY GLEANER THE TEAM IS BEING LED BY DEPUTY MINISTER OF THE MERCHANT MARINE OF THE USSR, A.V. GOLDOBENKO AND INCLUDES MANAGER OF THE TREATY DEPARTMENT OF THE MERCHANT MARINE O.V. BOZRIKOV, VICE-PRESIDENT BLACK SEA SHIPPING COMPANY, O.V. SAVIN, VICE-PRESIDENT OF CHARTERING CORPORATION SOVFRACHT, V.L. SHUTOV, VICE-PRESIDENT V/O MORPASFLOT, I.P. BUTAKOV AND THE DEPARTMENT MANAGER OF THE GENERAL SHIPPING AGENCY SOVINFLOT, V.D. NOVIKOV.
- 2. IN LUNCHEON CONVERSATION WITH THE AMBASSADOR ON APRIL 4, JAMAICAN FOREIGN MINISTER P.J. PATTERSON SAID JAMAICANS EXPECT TO SIGN "COOPERATION AGREEMENTS" WITH THE SOVIETS IN THE FIELDS OF FISHING AND LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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MERCHANT SHIPPING.

3. COMMENT: WE DO NOT KNOW HOW THE SOVIETS PLAN TO USE ANY FISHING, MERCHANT MARINE OR PERHAPS HYDROGRAPHIC RESEARCH AGREEMENTS WITH JAMAICA, WHETHER TO SUPPLEMENT OR BACKSTOP THEIR FACILITIES AND OPERATIONS FROM CUBA OR WHETHER THEY SIMPLY WISH

TO EXPAND THEIR POTENTIAL IN THESE AREAS IN THE CARIBBEAN. CURRENT TRADE BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND JAMAICA IS NOT CURRENTLY GREAT, BUT BOTH ARE TRYING TO FIND WAYS TO EXPAND IT. (AS REPORTED EARLIER, SOVIET EMBASSY IS INCREASING ITS COMMERCIAL STAFF BY ABOUT THREE OFFICERS "TO EXPLORE TRADE POSSIBILITIES.") JAMAICAN FISHING RESOURCES ARE PRESENTLY TOO FAR OFF SHORE FOR EFFICIENT EXPLOITATION BY JAMAICAN FISHERMEN, AND SOVIETS MIGHT BE ABLE TO HELP HERE WHILE GOING ABOUT ANY OTHER BUSINESS THEY MAY HAVE IN THE AREA. IRVING

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